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To increase the number of trained detection canines of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, and Mr. PEARCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Detection Canine Aug-
5 mentation Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Detection canines are an important part of
2 a layered homeland security system to prepare for,
3 respond to, mitigate against, and prevent acts of ter-
4 rorism.

5 (2) Detection canines can be deployed quickly
6 and can move easily throughout a variety of areas,
7 including mass transit systems, airports, cargo
8 areas, sea ports, the Nation's borders, ports of
9 entry, office buildings, and stadiums.

10 (3) Detection canines can be trained to detect
11 a variety of items, such as explosives, narcotics, con-
12 cealed humans, and cadavers.

13 (4) Detection canines can be utilized in situa-
14 tions where detection technologies are unavailable,
15 immobile, or not cost-effective.

16 (5) There is a shortage of detection canines
17 available to assist Federal, State, and local law en-
18 forcement personnel as they put their lives at risk
19 daily to protect the Nation.

20 (6) The Congress has authorized 2,000 new
21 Border Patrol agents for each of the next 5 years
22 without a corresponding increase in the number of
23 detection canines deployed with these Border Patrol
24 agents.

1 (7) Detection canines have been deployed to the
2 Nation's busiest airports. However, the Transpor-
3 tation Security Administration must increase the ca-
4 pacity of its canine training program in order to
5 train and deploy canines to the Nation's mass tran-
6 sit systems.

7 (8) Urban search and rescue canines and ca-
8 daver detection canines were used effectively in the
9 Gulf Coast region to respond to Hurricanes Katrina
10 and Rita.

11 (9) The Bureau of United States Customs and
12 Border Protection, the United States Secret Service,
13 the Coast Guard, and the Federal Protective Service
14 regularly use detection canines to secure National
15 Special Security Events, protect Federal buildings
16 and their occupants, and protect the Nation's sea
17 ports.

18 (10) The Subcommittee on Management, Inte-
19 gration, and Oversight of the Committee on Home-
20 land Security of the House of Representatives held
21 a hearing on September 28, 2005, regarding the use
22 of detection canines in support of homeland security
23 activities. At the hearing, Subcommittee Members
24 were informed by several Federal agencies, a local
25 transit police department, a private canine security

1 company, and a university-based canine training
2 center that there is a shortage of trained detection
3 canines.

4 **SEC. 3. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TRAINED DETECTION**
5 **CANINES.**

6 In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Sec-
7 retary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the avail-
8 ability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the
9 number of trained detection canines as follows:

10 (1) CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.—In-
11 crease by not less than 25 percent the number of
12 trained canine detection teams deployed at and be-
13 tween the Nation's ports of entry.

14 (2) TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRA-
15 TION.—Increase by not less than 25 percent the
16 number of trained detection canines deployed at the
17 Nation's airports and mass transit systems.

18 (3) COAST GUARD, UNITED STATES SECRET
19 SERVICE, FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, AND FED-
20 ERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—Increase
21 by not less than 25 percent the number of trained
22 detection canine teams available to Coast Guard sta-
23 tions, Secret Service operations, and Federal Protec-
24 tive Service operations across the country, and to

1 the Federal Emergency Management Agency to en-
2 sure their availability as needed in emergencies.

3 **SEC. 4. COORDINATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF CANINE**
4 **TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity shall—

7 (1) fully coordinate the Department of Home-
8 land Security’s canine training programs that sup-
9 port the Department’s counter-terrorism, counter-
10 smuggling, transportation security, border security,
11 and other missions, including with respect to the re-
12 search and development of new training methods;

13 (2) ensure that the Department is maximizing
14 its use of existing training facilities and resources to
15 train canines throughout the year; and

16 (3) consider ways to use detection canines
17 trained by other Federal agencies, non-profit organi-
18 zations, universities, and private training facilities in
19 order to increase the number of trained detection ca-
20 nines available to Federal, State, and local law en-
21 forcement agencies.

22 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report to the Com-
23 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
24 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
25 ernmental Affairs of the Senate within 120 days after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act regarding the Depart-
2 ment's plan to coordinate and consolidate its canine train-
3 ing programs. The report shall include how the Depart-
4 ment will increase coordination with other Federal agen-
5 cies, such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
6 and Explosives in the Department of Justice, that operate
7 canine training programs.

8 **SEC. 5. CANINE PROCUREMENT.**

9 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

10 (1) make it a priority to increase the number
11 of domestically bred canines used by the Department
12 of Homeland Security to assist in its counter-ter-
13 rorism mission, including the protection of ports of
14 entry and along the United States border; and

15 (2) consult with other Federal agencies that use
16 canines and the Office of Management and Budget
17 to encourage domestic breeding of canines and con-
18 solidate canine procurement, where possible, across
19 the Federal Government to reduce the cost of pur-
20 chasing canines.

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